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Opinion -

From the Editors: Tiny Prince / Lorraine Lavender

**Black Heritage deserves
a day of its own**

The Black People should not continue to be confused as
 to the basis of their loyalty to Black Heritage. Celebra-
 tion of the many contributions of Black People to the
 development of these United States must be separate
 and distinct from any other celebration in this country.

Black people have to have one meaningful day, just
 like St. Patrick's., the Fourth of July, Memorial Day,
 Thanksgiving or Christmas to acknowledge Black
 Heritage.

Certain dates in history personify significant
 advancement in the march towards freedom, such as
 June 14, 1864 when the House of Representatives voted
 on Resolution #16. Although this resolution was tabled,
 when it failed to gain two-thirds of the necessary vote it
 was the bill that finally brought about the death of
 slavery. The day slavery actually died was January 31,
 1865, when the Thirty-eighth Congress passed the
 Thirteenth Amendment, freeing all slaves in the territo-
 rial United States. This event was hailed as the "grand-
 est act since the declaration of independence" and a
 Black man, Henry Highland Garnet, delivered the
 sermon in the House of Representatives after passage.

In July of 1941, A. Philip Randolph and Walter
 White organized the first March on Washington in
 protest of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's refusal to
 issue an executive order banning discrimination in
 defense industries and the armed forces. Randolph
 believed that a Black leader should have no other master
 except the Black masses. He believed that the leader of
 the masses should be free to obey and follow the interest
 of the masses. The President sent his wife Eleanor to try
 to talk Randolph and White out of marching. The only
 reason the march did not take place was because of a
 statement of policy issued by the White House that
 wrongly gave the impression that the Black leaders had
 approved or even suggested the policy. As usual, these
 men were denounced in the Black community and civil
 rights was set back another 30 years.

Are we still doing the same thing? Do we believe
 that if we depend on other people's crowd gathering
 abilities and dovetail their events we are sure to be
 successful? What message are we sending our children?
 Certainly we have proven more times than we can count
 that we can succeed on our own merits. So before we
 allow our loyalty to our causes be diluted or priorities
 swayed by other events that coincide with our celebra-
 tions, we must set our own dates for our important
 events.

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POLLY TICKS...

JUST SOME OBSERVATIONS— VANESSA WILLIAMS, who ran for Congress against congressman Donald Payne under the Republican banner – some class, some style... In the 29th District, SENATOR LIPMAN and BILL PAYNE won their spots on the B-Line running in the Democratic Primary, and DONALD TUCKER also won an Assembly seat. Other Assembly winners were CRAIG STANLEY, WILFREDO CARABALLO along with RONALD RICE... We hope the disputes are over and the Democrats can get together in Essex County to help Mayor McGreevey become governor of the state of New Jersey... Rumor at this writing had talk about the East

Orange election not being over, still checking votes... Remember Frank Addonizio, once a Newark Councilman? He's now Mayor of the Township of Wall, NJ... Now is the time for everyone to join "the Human and Civil Rights Association of New Jersey", call Kathy A. Smith 1-609-499-3855 for an application.

WEST ORANGE, N.J. – Mayfair Farms – The affair was simple and very tasteful, smartly executed, they didn't expect to see such a ground swell... It was great many of the ex-officials, small town and big city mayors like Mayor Sharpe James, Mims Hackett and newly-elected Bob Bowser of East Orange, Larrie W. Stalks and her husband Fred Stalks,

Patricia Sebold, the Democratic chairman Thomas Giblin, Newark's Chief O'Reilly, Whitney Houston's dad, John Huston, Delores Johnson, Robert Bob Nottle, Teddy Fiore, Pepe, from "Four Play Amusement" and his son, the police officer, Bilal Daniel Beasley and Wayne Smith all councilmen of Irvington, NJ. There were so many that we could not remember all the names and titles. Yet we know the numbers that Kenneth Allen Gibson is in the race to stay... Our wish is that the family dispute between Ronald Rice and Sharpe James become a thing of the past at the time of this publishing... The Mayor, and our Police Department should remember that we must come together for our own future.

ASBURY PARK, NJ – Hot news... John Hamilton won the top council spot and may be in the mix to be selected Mayor of Asbury Park. Singer Denise Hamilton is one of his sisters.

The Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County celebrates 9th Anniversary

The Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County celebrated its 9th Anniversary with a luncheon at the Newark Club. The keynote speaker was Mr. Carlos Vivoni.

Some of the guests present at this affair were: Mr. Carlos Vivoni, Secretary Economic Development of Puerto Rico; Miguel E. (Mike) Rodriguez, President of the Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce of Essex County; Gualberto Medina, Secretary of Commerce of the State of N.J.; Miss Leida Arce, Director, Department of Government Affairs in Puerto Rico.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I thought your cover article, "Together Again?" (June 1997) the review of Cleveland Indian's star David Justice interview on why he's still not divorced from actress, Halle Berry, was quite revealing. My question to David is: what did he expect? When you marry a glamorous actress who has traveled in certain circles all over the world - how can you expect to "come home to the pipe and slippers and a home-cooked meal" every night? Grow up David.

T. VANNOY, Orange, NJ

Editor's Note: At the time of publication, the Justice-Berry divorce has finally been granted

Dear Editor:

Right on Mayor James! Continental and New York's Mayor Giuliani should hang their heads in shame. Newark Airport is the newest, safest, and most convenient airport in the metropolitan area. It took years for New York to even acknowledge that Newark Airport existed much less the City of Newark. There is no doubt that Newark is on its way up and that seems to be scaring the big bad wolf.

As a Certified Travel Counsellor for more than 30 years, I can't imagine anyone saying they would rather go to a New York airport than fly out of Newark. What I believe is that both Giuliani and Continental are still operating under that old syndrome that Newark is not worth bothering about in view of the fact that it is mostly populated by people of color. Well, wake up New York, and Continental, we need food on our tables too, and we are behind Mayor James 100 per cent. What do you think Black Mirror Readers? Lets hear from you.

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Weeks of study produced an amazing array of talent and beauty. About 60 teenagers from around the county initially signed up for the five-month program that required them to come to weekly workshops to learn everything from posture to parenting skills. They also completed 20 hours of community service and took field trips to restaurants and cultural events to try out their new skills.

Ms. Jaquita Evans was crowned Ms. Essex County Housing



Jaquita Evans, the first Ms. Essex County Housing Authority.

Authority, the Chadwick Avenue Townhouse Project resident said there was no place she would rather live.

In addition to the title, she won a trip to the Bahamas, a stereo and gift certificates and prizes from area business. First runnerup Larrita Jackson and second runner-up Lakeedah Greene, will also take the trip to the Bahamas.

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DR. BETTY SHABAZZ – Mother, wife, civil rights heroine

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Even though he was her grandchild, Betty Shabazz knew that she was getting a troubled child. Not yet a teen, this young Malcolm seemed to be like the grandfather he never knew. Both wild and radical, they seemed to live too close to the edge.

Yet Betty Shabazz loved both of them dearly.

How ironic that one Malcolm completed her life and another apparently ended it. But Betty was a fighter, and that is what she should be hailed as. By example, she spoke volumes to women in the same situation as she was. To raise six children by yourself today is tough. Thirty-two years ago, it was almost impossible. Betty did it.



To learn that she went on to get a college education and become a teacher is even more awe-inspiring. We should thank her for the few steps forward she took for civil rights as well as women's rights.

SINGER ARTHUR PRYOCK, Grammy nominee, 74

HAMILTON, Bermuda – Arthur Pryock, a two-time Grammy nominee known for his deep and sultry voice, has died in Bermuda. He was 74.

Pryock, who toured internationally for nearly 40 years, stopped in Bermuda almost yearly in the 1960s and 1970s before retiring to the British colony a few years ago.

He died over the weekend at King Edward Hospital, just outside of Hamilton, the capital, after suffering a prolonged illness. The cause of death was not released.

Pryock got an early start in his hometown of Spartanburg, S.C., joining the popular Buddy Johnson Band at age 15.

During his six years with the group, from 1944 to 1950, Pryock produced 16 hit songs. By the time he broke out on his own in 1952, he was known nationally for his mastery of rhythm and blues, jazz and country music.

His long singing career culminated in 1987, when he received a Grammy nomination for best jazz performance by a duo or group for "Teach Me Tonight" with singer Betty Joplin. The following year, he was nominated for best jazz vocal performance for "This Guy's in Love With You."

A prolific song writer, Pryock was best known for the album "In a Mood."

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Montclair Doctor — 101 Years Old

By Lorraine Lavender

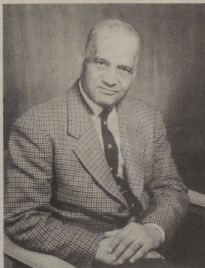
A letter of congratulations from President Clinton on Dr. Arthur Conrad Thornhill's 101st birthday was the icing on a well deserved birthday cake.

It was a beautiful sunny day when we met. Sitting on his wrap-around porch amid an ocean of flowering plants Dr. Thornhill was glad we had come to visit. When asked to what he owed his longevity, after serious thought, Dr. Thornhill stated, "I just live." Although he has lost his hearing, Doc, as he is affectionately called, communicates by answering written questions and reads without glasses. Doc has a twinkle in his eye and is still quite spry.

I asked him what he found different these days and his reply was, "People are doing what they want to do." When asked whether this was good or bad he said, "If they can live that way, go to it."

Doc's favorite pastime is watching the Yankees on TV. He loves fish and chicken and blue and yellow.

Dr. Arthur Conrad Thornhill, a graduate of Howard University, started practicing in Montclair in 1923. Dr. Thornhill was the first Afro-American doctor to have a nursing assistant. One of his employees Bertie Casey worked with him more than twenty years. Doc retired



DR. ARTHUR CONRAD THORNHILL

from practice a few years ago but still resides in Montclair.

Dr. Thornhill was born in St. Michael's Parrish, Barbados and came to the United States at the age of 10. He has married twice and has one daughter, Frances Morris, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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Quality Lifestyles Inc. last Sunday's affair was a smashing success, if you missed the date, **Rose M. Spears** says she loves you just the same. It was at the **Terrace Ballroom**...

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TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 22

Guard against insincere flattery. You should trust your instincts, which are usually right, but you are reluctant to do so.

GEMINI MAY 23-JUNE 21

Since you are naturally at odds with your double self, you are having conflicting feelings. You have so much to offer with your quick mind and ability to make friends. Value your gifts.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

Don't overestimate your powers of endurance. Do more organizing and directing. Supervising is better for you than physical labor. Education can be one answer.

LEO JULY 23-AUGUST 22

Use your immense possibilities for good. Your propensity to impulsiveness can lead to danger. Insight can protect you, if you pay attention to it.

VIRGO AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22

Don't let that pending business deal escape you. It will

lead to an increase in your finances. Being so cautious and conservative is hindrance.

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22

If you find an Aries or Sagittarius looking your way, look back. You might find the companion you are looking for.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 21

Once you can acknowledge that you too have faults, you will be capable of rising to lofty heights. Try to be more sensitive.

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 22

People have a tendency to impose upon your good nature, causing you deep pain. Don't try to please everyone. Please yourself.

CAPRICORNUS DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 20

Reorganize, take inventory, make changes. Now it's your turn to take the reins. Invest cautiously but invest.

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Remember When: P.R. Beauty-Millie Hendricks of East Orange Public Relations Director of Va State Alumni Group was the toast of homecoming games.

Remember When: Manning Marable Ph.D Associate Professor of African Studies and Research Center Cornell University Ithaca New York, sent The After Hour News his first column.

Remember When: Daniel Blue Director of Newark Human Rights Division, School Teacher, Policeman, and Director of Newark Housing Authority talked about the future.

Remember When: Judge Golden Johnson was the sitting judge in night court in the Newark system...

Remember When: Al Bundy was board President of the Theatre of Universal Images TUI and had Oscar Brown and his son Oscar Brown, Jr. at the Paradiso on Broad St. Newark, N.J.

Remember When: Rene Starks and Alfred Graham forced the White Castle on Elizabeth Ave. to serve Black people in their cars.

Remember When: The Leaguers affair at the Town and Campus when Ambassador Andrew Young was a guest with ten honorees cited Everett Jennings, Dr. William Hayling, Geraldine Williams, Donald L. Harris, Jewell Smith, Alice Towe, Carlena

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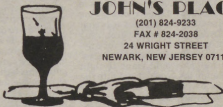
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Well here we go again, you may not realize it but times are very hard out in the mean streets these days.

The beggars are working overtime, the con artists are putting in extra hours, and the street working girls numbers are growing by leaps and bounds.... What's a brother to do? During The Shadows ride down Hawthorne Ave. in Newark last week, I counted 172 young brothers out on the street between Fabian Pl. and So. 19th St. and this was a school day so most of them if not all should have been in somebody's class room, trying to get educated, the sad part was that cop ride by in their cars and do nothing about it. And I feel real sorry for anyone who has a business in that area, because no one would want to fight their through the crowd to get into the stores. As a result the next century will produce thousands of young brothers who will have no formal education, only street knowledge. Instead of being about to count in the normal way, they will only be able to count in ounces

or kilos; and the sisters man goals in life will be hair and nails... Money seems to losing it value these days unless it's big money. You can find at least fifty cents a day on the ground in pennies. No one wants them anymore. We seem to forget that 100 of them will make a dollar... there's a young lady on Maple Ave. in Irvington who amazes me, she is barely twenty years old with two children, no job, no skills and no man, but she is able to dress well and always has a new hair do, is on the scene at the discos and concerts. How does she do it? She must have a magic wand that produces money or an ability to accept a log of wands that keep her in the mix... The Shadow has noticed a huge increase in the number of accidents these days, mostly because we are driving too fast and not paying attention to stop signs and red lights. People drive differently in the suburbs then they do in the cities. In Newark for instance when your light turns green you can count at least five cars going through the red light before one of them decides to stop. We need more four way stop signs, it will save lives and damage... To the brother on So. Munn near William St. in East Orange, how can you afford to have cell phone when you can't pay rent? The landlord says he hope you saved the box that

the phone came in because you will be living in it if you don't come up with his ducats soon.... Speaking of not paying rent, I hear the auto manufacturers are making the back seats of their luxury cars into beds, because if you don't keep up the payments at least you will have a place to sleep... Why does the brother who drives that fine beemer with the spoiler kit on the back, park his car at a different place each night? It's never in front of his house in South Orange. It couldn't be that he is ducking the two truck at night is it? I hear he now has bought a cheap old car just to take him to his ride where he hides it at night... Summer is here and school is out, but if you look at many of the street corners it seems as if school has been out all year long, please try to drive with a little more care and watch the little ones who seem to have no fear of cars as they ride their bike in and out of traffic like they have a death wish. In closing here is a note to the young lady who came up to my car and asked me if I wanted to have some fun with her for \$50.00? I have more important things to do with my money than help her with her habit, I have my own habit to support, it's paying my rent and eating three meals a day... See ya next time!

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